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multiplied several times. Some of them were addressed from street...houses on streets that would be in my district, and I just shook my head, thought about that comment in the Old Testament, my people perish for lack of knowledge. People will allow themselves to be used and the immoral, downright criminal, in my view, tobacco industry takes advantage of people's ignorance. They care not one whit about pregnant women who will be harmed by this. Several years ago, I was able to persuade the Legislature to pass a resolution condemning the targeting of poor white women by the tobacco industry. That's what they were doing and they made it clear that was their aim and this Legislature passed a resolution condemning it. So when people know this and we say we're here in the interests of the public, what we mean is that we will say we're here for the interests of the public when it's convenient to do so. But on something as devastating as tobacco products and their usage, there are people on the floor who care more about the tobacco industry. I don't think Senator Bourne would stand up and say, I want to make sure that those in my district who smoke marijuana can do so, and those who want to smoke crack can also get their crack and get the cocaine and heroin and methamphetamines. Cigarettes kill more than all those people who use those drugs...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...put together. But the tobacco industry has a lobby. The tobacco industry provides meals and luncheons. The tobacco industry sends people who are very gracious. So we have people who will support the tobacco industry. I'd like to say I see Senator Janssen, as the new Chairperson of that committee, hasn't wasted any time in helping to support and sponsor the tobacco industry's interest. I just want them all to know out in the lobby that I've made note of that fact.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Madam President, members. Certainly is a pleasure to follow Senator Chambers in this debate. I'm going to register my opposition to this bill. Frankly, last fall LB 413 was defeated. We asked the people to trust us, we know how to cut taxes better, and they did. We have a 90-day session and, you know, imagine the headline: